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U. S. LOSSES  
AMOUNT TO  
BILLIONS

Democrats Plan To Attack Proposed Tax Amendments

PARTISAN GRIMACES ARE SEEN

Other Things Of Interest Found In Indiana Politics These Days.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 11.—The early head of political partisan hate is beginning to make grimaces at the two proposed tax amendments to the state constitution. Until very recently it was not believed that partisan politics would figure in the campaign which is to precede the special election Sept. 6 when the people will be called upon to decide on the advisability of making thirteen changes in the basic law of Indiana.

The sacredness of the constitution and the necessity for serious consideration, unprejudiced by the passing whims and jealousies of party ambitions led many leaders in the state to think that discussions of the tax amendments would be on their merits.

But the old guard in the democratic ranks have decided otherwise. This was made plain at the state conference on the proposed tax amendments held in Indianapolis last Tuesday. Jacob Dunn, who served as controller in Indianapolis during the notorious administration of Mayor Joe Bell and Elias D. Salisbury, an Indianapolis attorney, who conducted vicious campaigns against the 1919 tax law and prepared yards of publicity for the democratic state committee last year, attended the tax conference.

Their talks were short, yet they were bitter. The attitude assumed by them was one of unabashed hostility to the tax amendments. Salisbury even declared the general tax amendment was not worthy of consideration or debate because of some sort of a technical flaw in its enactment by the 1919 legislature.

Of course the attitude of these two

WHITING CITY IS MADE DEFENDANT

The city of Whiting has been made defendant in a suit brought by the superior court at Hammond by the United Construction Co., to collect money which it is alleged is due for the construction of the Whiting sewage pumping station.

The complaint, which was prepared by Attorneys McAleer Dorsey & Gillett, says that in 1918 the board of public works of Whiting made all of the territory of the city a sewage pumping district and asked for bids on the plant which was estimated to cost \$199,760. The United Construction Co. was the successful bidder and agreed to have the entire project completed by June 1, 1919.

After the assessment rolls had been made out spreading the cost of construction over the entire city several of the railroad companies came in and had their assessments reduced materially on the grounds that their real estate would not be benefited by the proposed improvement. Other assessments were not changed to make up for this deficit and the contractors now declare that there is yet due \$16,875 on their contract. They ask for judgment against the city in this amount.

NEW GRAFT CHARGES IN BUILDING TRADES

CHICAGO, June 11.—Revelations of additional payments of alleged graft money, totaling \$67,000, to labor leaders featured yesterday's session of the Dallas legislative commission. The largest item—a payment of \$60,000—was said to have been given agents to settle a series of strikes that interfered with construction of the Drake Hotel.

Simon O'Donnell, former head of the Chicago building trades council was named twice by witnesses as the receiver of money. A hotel man testified under oath O'Donnell had been paid \$4,000 to guarantee the Drake Hotel against strikes. The guarantee failed however. He was also charged with receiving \$2,500 to end a strike of teamsters at the Goetz apartments.

Owing to the intimidation of prospective witnesses, the commission today withheld names of hotel men who testified. Other alleged graft payments included the sum of \$12,000 by owners of the Webster hotel and \$2,800 by contractors erecting the Parkway hotel. A dozen union agents were named as having received payments from the contractors or owners to settle strikes.

Robert Evans, 285 Towle street, Hammond, reported to the police that a thief entered his home yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock and stole a pair of trousers, glasses, a knife and two dollars in cash from his father, Joseph Evans of Chicago, while the latter was asleep in the room. The malefactor gained entrance by prying off a screen in a window. The Hammond police are looking for the culprit.

EXTRA

(BULLETIN)

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Secretary of the Navy Denby sent a cable today to Read Admiral William Snowden Sims at London, preemptively ordering him home as a result of the series of speeches which the head of the Naval War College has made in England. The following cablegram was sent to Admiral Sims:

"Remainder of your leave revoked. You will return to the United States at once and report in person to the secretary of the navy. (Signed) DENBY."

The secretary took this action without having received a reply to his cable for explanation of Admiral Sim's utterances.

It is believed that annoyance at Admiral Sim's slowness in replying was in the main responsible.

ORAK READY FOR THE BIG "DOINGS"

With its usual pep, Orak Temple will send a large delegation of nobles to the annual National convention of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, for six days beginning today. When the special train leaves Hammond at about 5:15 this afternoon, the handsomely decorated coaches will carry some 75 nobles and several ladies to Chicago, where they will be the guests of Midway Temple of Chicago for the evening. With them will go the entire representation of Murat Temple of Indianapolis. The party will leave Chicago this evening at nine o'clock for Des Moines.

Elaborate plans have been made by the Nobles of the Mystic Temple of Des Moines to entertain the huge crowd of visitors and their wives. The Imperial Council session Tuesday morning will allow plenty of time for the entertainment of the guests and their wives. Plans for splendid entertainments have been made which will occupy every waking moment of the visitors.

The Hammond Temple will send its drum and bugle corps and the patrol to take part in the ceremony. The delegates are Judge V. S. Reiter, Dr. Harry Sharrer, William Earle of Gary, and W. D. Hunter of the same city. Dr. Sharrer will take his wife along on the amount to a second honeymoon. Today is their wedding anniversary and indications point to a pretty good wedding trip.

A large number of out of town members of the Hammond Temple will take the trip. Representatives from South Bend, Valparaiso and Gary have indicated their intention of going.

Those who plan to make the trip are the above named delegates and their wives, the Drum and Bugle Corps consisting of W. A. Buchanan, J. H. Kasper, C. J. Kasper, A. H. Kasper, L. A. Miller, H. C. Hunter, E. J. Brunzel, C. Helwig, Carl Helwig, J. R. Farber, Fred Farber, O. E. Wan, J. Tweddie, J. Dell, M. Farber, G. Pearson, W. E. Starnsman, Harley Locklin, Capt. F. C. Morris, B. D. Schrum, O. W. Stewart, A. Jacques, J. Miller, W. N. Ridge, H. E. Folk, H. Gabler, the Orak patrol consisting of H. K. Brown, R. P. Abbott, John Soderberg, Capt. W. R. Ford, H. D. Henderson, H. B. Beardsley, A. C. W. B. Mubarg, W. H. Karth, W. S. Skinner, Louis Kasper, Ed. Weber, J. E. Margrave, R. Grothe, Ben Williams, G. A. Freeberg, C. J. Rundquist, R. Fowler, George Ralser, J. P. Kasper, Frank Thompson, C. A. Van Valkenburg, Ed. Kasper, Ed. Kasper, and the following nobles: B. S. Kasper and wife, Alex Say of South Bend, Dr. Powell, Valparaiso, F. C. Bidwell, W. H. Weber, Charles Denbo, Fred Little, Sam Miller of Gary.

This evening as Orak Temple's special train, loaded with Shriner, moved out on the siding last night in order that it might be loaded early this morning with the trappings of the Shriner. Painters were hired and carefully instructed regarding the huge sign which was to emblazon the full length of each side of the car. Railroad officials dislike to have their cars painted as the boys were instructed to be very quiet about it. They started out and picked the first baggage car they saw which happened to be on the Erie siding. They disregarded the smell of sour milk which permeated the air. How were they to know that it was the old milk train car.

The painters did a good job. The name can be read a mile away but it will travel in the wrong direction to furnish the advertising which the promoters had in mind.

Did You Hear That

WILLIAM RUEHRING has returned from a tour of the state on business.

NOT very many years ago Harry Potts bet on a horse named Molasses. He stuck to the track.

CHARLEY HOHMAN is trying hard to develop a charity horse. At least that's the way it seems to him when he walks down town.

WE'LL say there's lots of unemployment. Picture Larry Cox asking Otto Gersbach for a job on the I. H. Belt. Fact, he did.

HAMMOND Shriners who are also Kiwanians are dipping coins, trying to decide between the Cleveland and the Des Moines trips.

A hot game between the Betz Motors and the Hammond Fire Department will be played tomorrow afternoon at Morris park.

THANK GOODNESS, some of the restaurants in Hammond employ American waitresses. If they didn't, we would have to learn Greek.

A divorce suit was filed yesterday in Lake Superior Court at Gary by Mrs. Clara Raddatz against her husband, Charles T. Raddatz.

JOE SCHURM has been down at Newlands this week looking over the pickle crop prospects and making repairs on his factory down there.

CROWN POINT is negotiating for a rubber heel factory to employ fifty men the first of the year and it is not a bonus nor a stock-buying proposition.

CEGAR LAKE is becoming increasingly popular this year. A great many Hammond people are taking advantage of the good music and new accommodations.

WHO besides A. M. Turner can remember away back when those old "60s" cars were placed in service on the Green Line and were considered quite the snuff.

SAM MORLEY of Lake Co., sentenced May 20 for two to fourteen years in prison for burglary has filed application to the state board of pardons for executive clemency.

THE Northwestern Indiana Bankers' Association which concluded its convention at Winamac, this week, has decided to hold its next annual convention at Crown Point.

THE composer who set up the line "Harrison Park" in the flower bed at the northwest corner of the park has it right this year. For two seasons he had Harrison spelled with a double "n".

BOTH the democrats and republicans are against the blue laws, but they don't say to what degree. Lots of people think that a saturated plank would find plenty of willing supporters.

GROUND has been broken for the school in Kenwood. Several property owners in the vicinity don't care much for the idea, but none of them deny the fact that education is necessary.

THE U. S. Army goods store which has been doing a thriving business at 28 State street, has been forced to take over the old Toren Auto Sales room next door in order to provide sufficient space.

FRANK MARTIN can walk down Plummer avenue without being insulted by these negro girls if the democrats get into power and carry out their platform pledge which razes the colored solicitors.

HAMMOND'S proposed class in restaurant Greek will probably have to get along without W. C. Bolman as a member for he is now eating at the home style table which Mrs. Meyers runs at 47 Sibley street.

THE old Rankakee River has lost popularity in favor of a northern Wisconsin lake. Docs. Brown, Potts, Chiffaw and Attorney McAleer are the renegades. They are going to ankle over the week-end.

MATT SCHERER and W. J. Friedhot staged an eating contest Thursday evening at the Demo. love feast. Lavenne was in the ice cream event while Friedhot carried off honors in onions, table sale and coffee.

INTEREST in the Hohman street road race has not waned, although the candidates have not been named as regularly as before. There will be a column revealing the slacker list when they are published again.

THE work of redecorating the Orpheum theatre is taking longer than usual this year owing to the enormous amount of gum stuck to the bottom of the seats. Enough gum has already been removed to fill the holes in the South Hohman street pavement.

THE GLENDALE DERBY is a coming event that threatens to invade the followers of the sport away from the Hohman street road race. Peter W. Moyn is one of the backers of the Glendale Derby. Some interesting heats were run last night. The circular track is in good condition.

LAWYERS and Hammond police are fighting it out this afternoon on the Harrison Park baseball diamond. Attorney Erie Sprout wanted to play shortstop on his team but they finally persuaded him to take the umpire's job on the grounds that he could do more for his side in that position.

BANKERS START TO END LOCK-OUT

Hammond Clearing House Association Takes Initiative and Holds Special Session

Prospects of an end of the building tie-up in Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago became brighter today than they have been at any time since the lockout of tradesmen became effective. The Hammond Clearing House Association took the initiative following the appeal for action which appeared in The Times last night.

A special session of the Clearing House Association was held this morning in which the stagnation of the building industry was discussed and in which it was decided to ask the board of directors of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce to take up the matter and try to bring about a settlement of differences.

The attitude of the association is outlined in the following resolution which was adopted:

"Whereas: The Building Trades Employers' Association and the Building Trades Council are at present trying to build up the industry of the city and unable to compromise, producing a hardship upon the public, and

"Whereas: In an article published in The Lake County Times demanding that some one take the initiative and undertake to settle the question on its merits.

"Therefore, be it resolved, by the Hammond Clearing House Association that we ask the Board of Directors of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce, an organization that represents the whole people of the city, capital and labor alike, to act in the capacity of a committee and take such action as they may determine and express their idea publicly as to the basis of a just and equitable settlement at once so city may proceed to go forward and men find employment.

"HAMMOND CLEARING HOUSE ASSN."

Contractors and craftsmen alike took little stock in the reports which came from Chicago this morning announcing that Judge Landis had been selected to act as arbitrator in the Chicago difficulty. While both sides have been waiting to see what Chicago does, many are of the opinion that the arbitration agreed upon will not provide binding upon the general contractors who are the ones who really brought about the lockout.

Chicago contractors are divided into two organizations. One represents the general contractors and the other the smaller sub-contractors. It is with the sub-contractors organization that the dickering for arbitration has been going on and the general contractors are said to have refused to discuss any wage except the ones which they laid down when the lockout followed. Hammond contractors believe that the general contractors will refuse to start work and pay the old \$125 an hour rate pending the decision of Judge Landis and they point out that if these big contractors refuse, the smaller sub-workers will be unable to carry out their plan to open up work.

DR. JULIEN DIES AT HOSPITAL

Another sudden death which clouded Gary with sorrow occurred at 6:30 this morning at the Mory hospital when Dr. William E. Julien, one of Gary's most prominent physicians and respected residents passed away after a short illness of pneumonia.

The news came as a shock as there were but few of his wide acquaintance that were aware of his illness. Although he was up and around until a week ago Dr. Julien has not been in the best of health for six or seven weeks. About a week ago he complained of a severe cold which later developed into pneumonia and caused his death.

Dr. Julien was 47 years old and a bachelor. He came to Gary eight years ago to establish his home and profession and became known as the city's foremost specialist in the treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. His practice extended over the entire county.

He was a graduate of the Purdue University, the Rush Medical College and the New York Medical Society school in New York City. He was also a prominent Mason and belonged to several other fraternal organizations.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed at this hour. It is probable that burial will be made at the former home at Delphi, Ind.

Death of Mrs. Brewer

Rebecca J. Brewer, 74 years old of Hesville, died at St. Margaret's hospital night before last. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock and interment at Lowell cemetery in charge of Burns.

Won't Somebody Do Something?

OH LORD, HOW MUCH LONGER

Everybody in this locality wants good times, except the glumphizzes and the gloomy gusses. They rather enjoy dull times so they can croak and grunt. There are more croakers and grunters in the Calumet Region now than there have been for many a long day. But neither Hammond nor any other city in the district is going to have good times when so important a constituent of its wage-earning population as the building mechanics are laying down on the job and refuse to work because their employers won't pay them more than a dollar an hour. How can cities have prosperity when everything is going out and nothing coming in?

When a city's building tradesmen, numbering thousands, are idle for weeks, and to support their families are compelled to withdraw from the building loan associations and banks their hard-earned savings, the economic situation is bad enough to be desperate if it is permitted to continue. The situation in Hammond is serious enough to warrant an immediate remedy. There is no use to butter parsnips; we might as well call a spade a spade. The financial resources of the city are being wasted for idleness, for idleness is waste; any business man or banker will confirm the fact that unless the building industry is resumed in the region very shortly conditions will rapidly grow worse and the depression become decidedly marked. Capital will stand these hammer blows just so long.

An instance of conditions, one among many might be given in the proposed sale of the \$275,000 piece of school property. There wasn't a bidder who would set a figure. The sale was lost. It was proposed to put a handsome building on it, but who would be simpleton enough to endeavor to put up a costly building when men prefer to be idle rather than work for a dollar an hour. These conditions obtain all over the Calumet Region. Five million dollars worth of work proposed or partly under construction is idle and just that much money has been taken out of circulation. These are not the mouthings of an alarmist, but cold-blooded facts.

And yet, no one has the get-up-and-git enough to take the initiative in seeing if the parties to the controversy cannot be brought together and the civic snail ended. There surely ought to be leaders of thought and action in Hammond as well as in other towns who will be public-spirited enough to strike for action and strike forthwith.

There has been within the past 24 hours much talk in favor of this course, but what good does talk do? Action is imperative—the time is past for words. Are we going to get together and act—right away? Let's put the Indian sign on the depression!

LAPORTE BANKER AND DOC HAVE NIFTY LITTLE BATTLE

Times Reporter Gives Decision to the Doctor on Strength of Available Reports.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
LAPORTE, Ind., Sept. 11.—The verdict of the Times reporter in the first battle between A. J. Stahl, the banker, and Dr. E. O. Peterson of this city, gives the Doc credit for a knock-out.

As proof of this decision, Banker Stahl is today swathed in bandages under the care of a private nurse at his palatial home.

The encounter occurred in the First National bank building. A. J. Stahl, the private banker is also Laporte's richest landlord. It is said that he has more than seventy renters. Dr. Peterson is a successful osteopath.

Stahl was handicapped in his fight by poor condition. It was apparent from the outset that he was in poor trim for a championship encounter. This and his age which is sixty-eight

years made him the short-end of the odds. Peterson is forty-five years of age and trained for the fight on the Wolf links. He weighs 200 pounds.

The fight was something like this: Peterson led with seven epithets and a left to the jaw. They clinched. Doc took advantage of the embrace to plant several effective short arm jabs on the kidneys and in the break landed a mean body blow. Peterson reeled. His left arm crossed with a slow closing the banker's left eye. The osteopath next slipped a quick poke to the left eye closing it. They clinched. Peterson hammered away at the kidneys and sent a powerful wallop to the stomach in the break.

At this juncture the banker was considerably at a disadvantage owing to the difficulty with his sense of sight. Peterson had little trouble laying him out.

Doc went word today that he wasn't felled but that he would meet Peterson again—in court.

The dispute is said to be of long standing.

LIQUOR CASES ARE TRIED

Judge Smith in Criminal Court Hands out Sentences to Offenders

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CROWN POINT, IND., June 11.—Judge Martin Smith yesterday cleaned the criminal docket of a number of liquor cases which have been brought to his court on appeals from the Hammond police court. Out of seven cases which had been appealed the defendants in five of them were soaked by Smith and all of them got hit harder than they had been by Judge Klotz of Hammond.

The sentences handed out were as follows:

Mike Kurch, Whiting, \$150 and costs and six months, suspended.

Martin Dominie, Hammond, \$150 and costs and six months, suspended.

John Kyzdaran, Indiana Harbor, \$150 and costs.

A. Zurich, East Chicago, \$150 and costs and six months, suspended.

John Geron, Indiana Harbor, \$100 and costs and 60 days on penal farm.

After hearing the evidence against George Milanovich and Max Weber of Indiana Harbor, they were discharged.

Mother Passed Away

Mrs. August Moritz of 117 Sheffield avenue, died after a lingering illness of about eight weeks at 8 o'clock this morning. She reached an age of 66 years, 11 months and 11 days and was the mother of ten children, three of whom have been called before her, leaving her husband and seven children to mourn her. They are Mrs. Louise Walters, Chas. Moritz, Mrs. Edward Ruppel, Gastia Moritz, William Moritz and Mrs. William Sohn of Hammond and Mrs. Herman Ruhl of Valparaiso, one sister and brother, both of whom are older than the deceased and 23 grand children.

The funeral will be held at the home at 117 Sheffield avenue at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and at 2 o'clock at the St. Johns Lutheran church of which she was a member.

MAJOR HAS BEEN ILL

Mayor Dan Brown, who has been confined to his home during the last week with an attack of appendicitis, was able to leave the house today for the first time. An operation was scheduled and it is thought that he will soon be feeling as well as usual.

HARGIS & MOORE BUILD BUNGALOWS

The enterprising firm of Hargis & Moore is to be warmly congratulated on their progressiveness in building bungalows and homes in East Chicago and Hammond to help reduce the congested home situation which is as everybody knows very acute at this time. They have or soon will have, ten or more ready for the market in East Chicago and are placing some on the market in Hammond on terms that are easier than paying rent and within the reach of everyone.

DEATH OF BABY

After Delores Trowe, three months old daughter of Otto Trowe, died last night of pneumonia. The funeral will take place at Oak Hill this afternoon. Rev. Lockshire will officiate with Burns in charge.

Task Of Keeping Flag On Seas To Be Left To Private Enterprise.

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, June 11.—The United States government is going to get out of the shipping business just as fast as it is consistently possible.

Already having suffered financial losses that mount into the millions in the operation of the government fleet, facing a net loss of nearly three billions in the liquidation of the shipping board's affairs, and with the whole shipping situation a prolific source of criticism and condemnation in congress, administration leaders have decided that the best thing to do for the government and for the further of the nation's mercantile interest generally is to get out of the business, bag and baggage, and leave to private enterprise the task of keeping the American flag on the seven seas.

This will be the policy laid down by President Harding and himself next week when he meets with the new shipping board for the first time to take an inventory of the situation. The board will organize Monday and on Tuesday it will meet with the chief executive to hear an outline of policy.

The length of time necessary to get the government out of the shipping business with the least financial loss is problematical. Some of President Harding's advisers think it will take two years, others are of the opinion the job cannot be accomplished under three.

In any event it is not expected that the new chairman, A. B. Lusk of Chicago, will settle on the six year term to which he has been appointed.

The manner in which the liquidation of the government's venture into the shipping business is to be accomplished is the problem that is proving a knotty question for the administration.

The liquidation will be a slow process and designed to extract the last possible penny for the benefit of the government. It was said today. But the end is in sight—the government, under the administration policy, is going to get out of the shipping business and stay out.

KENWOOD CORNER SELLS FOR BIG SUM

A deal has just been closed by which the eighty foot Kenwood corner of Zachau and Moraine avenues was sold for the record breaking price of \$3,500 or over \$44 a front foot.

The purchaser was William B. Anderson, brother-in-law of George Knoerzer, who lives at the corner of Hohman street and Zachau avenue. The seller was Henry C. Millies, formerly with the American Steel Foundries Co.

Nothing could better illustrate the rapidly mounting price of residential property in the choicer sections of the south side. The highest price that was ever paid for the best inside residential property in Homewood was \$40 a front foot and not many sales have been made for that figure.

Even Illinois street property between Waltham street and Glendale park may be had for less than \$44 a front foot. It is true that sales of Hohman street property opposite Harrison park, or the block just south of the park have been made for \$50 to \$70 a front foot but that was years ago.

The choicest locations on the south side are now on such streets as Moraine and Forest in the Kenwood addition where main traveled streets are avoided and the seclusion and quiet of inside streets is the thing to be desired.

This vindicates the plan of subdividing of Kenwood by which the short east and west streets with their north and south exposures are replaced with the longer, quieter and more attractive north and south streets with their east and west exposures.

An idea of the rapid increase in values in Kenwood may be had from the fact that Henry C. Millies bought the corner he has just sold from the Hammond & Suburban Realty Co., the subdividers of Kenwood, for \$1,950 not more than two years ago. The sale for \$3,500 makes a handsome profit of more than 40 percent over and above all carrying charges.

Resene E. Woods, president of Woods, Martin & Company and the Hammond & Suburban Realty Co., stated today that this sale and others that have taken place in Kenwood have demonstrated the soundness of the subdividing methods in use now employed in Kenwood, methods that were called impractical, visionary and foolish in the early stages of the subdivision.

GEORGE DOBBINS LOSES MOTHER

It became known today that Martha Dobbins, 74 years of age, mother of George W. Dobbins of 423 Hickory street, Hammond, died last Sunday in a Chicago hospital. The funeral will be held in Hammond's chapel at 2 p. Monday afternoon. Burial will take place in Oak Hill. Undertaker Kimmeling in charge.

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